

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the section entitled "DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS" with the following redlined section:

The invention will now be described, purely by way of non-limiting example, with reference to the annexed drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a cross-sectional view of a stabilizing sheet according to the invention;
and

Figure 2 is a schematic representation of the device for production of the stabilizing sheet according to the invention;

Figure 3 is a cross-sectional view of a stabilizing sheet including an adhesive material; and

Figure 4 is a cross-sectional view of a stabilizing sheet including an absorbing material and an adhesive material.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 7, with the following redlined paragraph:

The sheet 1 may moreover present, on one or on both of the surfaces 6 and 8 of the fiber layers 5 and 2, respectively, a layer of adhesive material or glue for facilitating both laying of the sheet 1 itself on the substrate to be coated and laying of the flooring or final coating on the sheet 1. According to a preferred embodiment, said adhesive material 10 is present on the surface 8 of the layer 2 and is a highly tacky glue, as shown in Figure 3.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 13, with the following redlined paragraph:

The sheet 1 may present on the surface 8 of the layer 2 in alternative to the layer of adhesive material 10 a layer of absorbing material 12 intended for absorbing an adhesive material or glue 10 subsequently applied thereto, in case the adhesive material or glue 10 require a substrate in the form of such an absorbing layer 12 for being employed, as shown in Figure 4. In a preferred embodiment the absorbing material 12 is constituted by a non-woven textile

having a density ranging from about 50 to 150 g/m². In another preferred embodiment the absorbing material presents non oriented fibers; most preferably the absorbing material is a polyester non-woven textile with non oriented fibers.